अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय मानक संगठन प्रमाण-पत्र प्राप्त करने की दिशा में कार्यरत हैं। इस उत्पादन इकाई के कुछ उत्पादन खंडों ने पहले ही आई एस ओ प्रमाण-पत्र प्राप्त कर लिया है

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Construction of Railway Guest House at Haridwar

862. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct a Railway guest house in the religious city of Haridwar; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the time for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a proposal for providing a Yatri Niwas at Haridwar has been received very recently.

Adhoc Allotment of Canteens and Shops at Railway Stations

863. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are allotting canteens and shops on an adhoc basis;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any laid down allotment policy of the Railways in Andhra Pradesh for the allotment of shops and canteens at railway stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The prescribed catering policy applicable on all Indian Railways including Andhra Pradesh provides for allotment of catering/vending licences by Zonal Railways by inviting applications from the professional/reputed caterers. Applications received are screened by a Screening Committee and licence awarded to the most suitable candidate on merits, after approval from competent authority.

German assistance for modernisation of Indian Railways

864. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought cooperation of Germany for upgrading and modernising the Indian Railways, as reported in "The Hindustan Times", dated 7th February, 1997;

(b) whether any talks between the German Minister of Economics and Labour and the Railways Minister were held recently in New Delhi in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details and outcome of the discussion indicating the amount of financial aid Germany is likely to give for the purpose of modernisation of Indian Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) Talks were held between the German Minister of Economics and Labour and the Minister of State for Railways on 6.2.97. Areas of possible co-operation between the two countries pertaining to Railways were discussed in general. No specific proposal was discussed.

Poor Condition of Kaikalur and Mondavallin Railway Stations

865. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poor condition of Kaikalur and Mondavallin railway stations in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the step proposed to improve the condition of these railway stations;

(c) whether any schedule has been drawn for the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SAPTAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir. The condition of Kaikalur and Mandavalli stations is satisfactory and are in good state of maintenance.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Completion of Railway projects

866. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the different railway projects completed during the last three financial years;

(b) the State-wise location of those projects and the cost thereof; and

(c) the details of the railway projects expected to be completed during 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Accommodation Capacity of Simhadri Express

867. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing accommodation capacity in Simhadri Express on the South-Central Railway is inadequate to meet the public demand; and

(b) the steps proposed to increase the capacity on Simhadri Express?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) The capacity of Simhadri Express train is generally adequate to meet the public demand.

12.00 Noon

[**The Deputy Chairman** *in the Chair*]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. **Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the Centre or Cultural resources and Training, New Delhi and related papers**

II. **Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna and related papers**

III. **Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the Kalakshetra. Foundation, Madras and related papers**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): Madam, I Lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

I (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Centre.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. for (a) to (c) *See* No. LT 135097].

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(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library for (a) to (c) *See* No. LT. 144297].